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President John J. Sbrega

## PRESIDENT SBREGA WELCOMES NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS

**BY CHRIS WILBUR**  
BCC Fall River Campus Editor

**BRITTANY DEGAGNE**  
BCC Alumni

BCC President John J. Sbrega, has an endless schedule devoted to the students and the college community.

He has spent the last ten years as President of BCC.

He spends countless hours hosting and attending college events for both students and faculty.

Many students first come to know President Sbrega through his voice message when students first call the

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Top, *accessBCC* Student ID and OneCARD not to be confused with the new (right) *accessBCC* Refund Card



## *accessBCC* Refund Card Makes Life Easier For Students

### No More Disbursement Checks New Disbursement Through Debit Card

**BY CHRIS WILBUR**  
BCC Fall River Campus Editor

Starting this fall, students will be receiving an *accessBCC* Refund Card in the mail.

The card is intended to act as a separate bank account for students where refund deposits will be stored.

Money in this account can remain in the account, accessible through the card, or may be transferred free of charge to a personal banking account.

Bristol Community College partnered with HigherOne, a financial group

focused on higher education, to bring the policy about.

The college stands to save significantly over printing and distributing disbursement checks while streamlining the process for students.

Two ATMs will be available on campus allowing withdrawals free of charge. One will be situated in G building, the other in the K building.

Students will be able to withdraw up to \$500 per day from the campus ATMs.

HigherOne has assured the machines will remain full.

On ATMs off campus, offered by other banks, the withdrawal fee will be the same as it would be any other debit card.

The card is not a credit card. Students will not be allowed to overdraw their accounts.

More information is available on the web at <https://accessbccrefundcard.higheroneaccount.com>. The link, "money 101" explains how to use the card for free.

If you are a BCC Student, Faculty, Staff, or Alumni you may already be eligible to obtain an *accessBCC* Refund Card.



## No Joking, **NO SMOKING** BCC Is Tobacco Free

**BY RYAN PEASE**  
Editor-in-Chief

Bristol Community College is now completely tobacco free. This policy, enacted June 6th, is intended to promote a tobacco-free future and provide an environment that encourages persons to be tobacco free.

Smoking is permitted in vehicles parked on campus and the use of oral tobacco product is prohibited.

"Education and treatment are the preferred

intervention for violators, but violators may also be subject to fines and disciplinary action" the policy states.

Students are encouraged to find help in the fight to quit smoking by contacting Health Services located in G-Building room 208 at ext. 2232.

The Observer welcomes your comments on the non-smoking issue. Thoughts, suggestions, opinions and complaints are welcome. Students can contact The Observer on Facebook, email "TheObserver.Bcc@gmail.com" or leave a voicemail on the new student opinion telephone hotline (774) 955-0353.



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## OPINION

# A PLACE FOR YOUR VOICE TO BE HEARD

BY CHRIS WILBUR  
 BCC Fall River Campus Editor

I was present at the press conference that bore the launch of the eHealth Career Center at the BCC Campus New Bedford, and I will tell you that the energy and enthusiasm in that room was electric. It wasn't sunny outside that day, but I will tell you, you wouldn't have known it from the inside. The classroom, NS-161, first on the left from the Union Street entrance, was alive with full-blooded support from State Representatives, community leaders and our own administration, faculty and staff. I chronicled the event for The Observer.

A few months later, a bit of unfavorable press hit the streets from the Boston Globe. A lot of us were puzzled. It spun the story as if the Health and Wellness Center were allowing students to "buy" their way through college. I couldn't agree.

Our own trustees, whom I respect, meditated hard on the decision. By the

way, the Trustees are in a sense, caretakers of the college, they are community leaders appointed by the governor to guide the college, and make sure it doesn't get into trouble. If you have ever heard "your friend in the business" a commercial for Fall River Ford, that's Fernando Garcia\* he's a trustee. I have the wonderful opportunity to sit among these distinguished people to help represent students, as the "student" trustee. I just couldn't believe they saw it that way.

I myself don't, admittedly this is public education. We get education, and we get it cheap, at least in comparison to the many private institutions around leaving head-spinning bills. The tuition is double. That was the sore spot for the Globe. Another doubt that has crept out is the marriage between a public school and a private company. BCC is partnering with the Princeton Review on this one, a historically unusual marriage and some have respectfully dissented, pondering the significance and implications

of such a marriage.

I believe State Senator Montigny said it best at that press conference: "There is a bottleneck in healthcare, there is a lot of demand on the side of students and on the side of employers, but there aren't enough training programs."

This Center is opening up that bottleneck.

A rough number of 1000 students will apply for nursing in any given year. Accepted... 70. I see more students being served, and more students serving the community. But that's just my opinion. I believe healthy dissent brings about a healthy people. When I mentioned the issue of student opinion, it was warmly received.

So we The Observer, and myself as student trustee are asking your opinion. Let us know what you think and we will print your response. Even more, we will have faculty, staff and administration answer those questions.

After all, what is a student newspaper good for?



Locate a Directory for Success guide at Student Life to help you locate services to support you with your goals.

# For Your Benefit

Services Are Available to Help Every BCC Student

BY JILLIAN BZDULA  
 BCC Observer Contributor

Bristol Community College offers a wide range of services to help better the lives of students on an academic and personal level.

These services are free and available to all BCC students.

For students feeling anxious because classes have become there is the Tutoring and Academic Support Center (TASC) located in room B110.

Students can receive tutoring at TASC in a variety of college courses.

For more information you can stop by their office located in or call (508) 678-2811, ext. 2295 to make an appointment.

Students who are the first person in their family to attend college, have low income, or may have a disability can get help from the QUEST program.

QUEST provides help with academic, career, and personal development, so everyone is given an equal opportunity to an education.

Students having questions about QUEST should contact (508) 678-2811, ext. 2282.

Students needing help with math can receive tutoring in the BCC Math Lab located in room B109.

Students with any physical or learning disability can receive help from the Office of Disability Services. Students wishing assistance from Disability Services must contact the office located in room B104 or call ext. 2955.

## OPINION

# IT WORKS FOR ME

BY JILLIAN BZDULA  
 BCC Observer Contributor

As a student with a physical disability I have taken part in all these services which has greatly made a huge impact on my life both academically and on a personal level.

I have grown into a much more confident person and I have been able to maintain at least a 3.3 GPA for the past four years.

I highly recommend that students take advantage of all the services given at BCC because believe me it will help you in the long run.

Everything that I have learned will forever go with me in my life's journey and I thank all the wonderful staff for always being there to lend a helping hand!

The staff is here for "YOU" so please make sure to ask for help when needed.

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 and post your thoughts, comments, and opinions.

# eHealth Careers Open Doors In New Bedford

BY CHRIS WILBUR  
 BCC Fall River Campus Editor

Bristol Community College is opening a new eHealth Career center this fall at the New Bedford Campus. Situated in historic downtown, in the old Cherry & Web building (across from No Problemos), the new site is offering a three year roll out of health care programs.

Fees are set at roughly double that of other BCC programs and classes will be primarily online, with face to face meetings once a week.

Courses will be both for credit and non-credit. Credit courses are built into programs with elective courses and are designed to guide students through a well rounded education, often expected to go beyond BCC. Non-credit courses are quick and to the point courses designed to enhance the skills of workers already in the field.

Roll out is as follows.

**Year one:** Complementary Health Care Degree, General Studies Health

Massage Certificate.

**Year Two:** Home Health Aid Training, Nursing Assistant Training for CAN, CPR/First Aid for Healthcare Professionals, Personal Care Attendant (PCA) and Pharmacy Technician Program.

**Year Three:** Healthcare Information Technology Degree, Occupational Therapy Assistant Degree, LPN Transition to Nursing Degree, Physical Therapist Assistant Degree, Surgical Technology Degree, ...and the largely coveted Nursing Degree.

From a pool of over 800 students last year applying for a spot in the nursing program, only 72 were accepted. Similar high demand areas were occupational therapy assistants and dental hygiene with a 1 in 9 chance of acceptance.

Dean of New Bedford Campus Theresa Romanovitch who spearheaded the project said, "We really needed to get into HealthCare education because that's where the community need was."

'We really needed to get into Health Care education because that's where the community need was.'

Science Degree (including Phlebotomy Certificate and /or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)), General Studies Prep-Developmental Education, Medical Coding Certificate and Therapeutic

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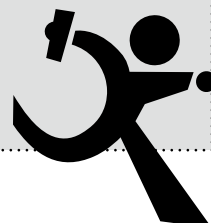
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## LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER AT THE HUB OF BCC'S LEARNING COMMUNITY

BY SARAH MULVEY  
Managing Editor

With a hard-working Dean in charge and a helpful staff, the LRC is a BCC student's most valuable resource!

The Farley Learning Resource Center (LRC) is the hub of BCC's vast wealth of student-accessible study materials.

The Center, located in A building on the Fall River campus, offers an expansive circulation library, reference encyclopedias, an internet café and a staff of librarians ready to help you navigate the shelves and digital databases.

Currently, the LRC is focusing on its data collections which include subscriptions to E-brary, and the new Films on Demand collection, which features clips and full educational documentaries, sure to enrich any class research experience.

The Dean of the Library, Mr. Sainath Chinnaswamy, encourages BCC students to take advantage of these resources throughout their time here at BCC. "Libraries are in a transitional phase right now," Chinnaswamy said. "They are a hybrid of print and electronic sources, and the ability to utilize both is

very important."

Chinnaswamy feels that the library is a crucial key to success. By having all of these materials at your fingertips, the next research paper you write should be nothing short of superb.

The LRC is also utilized by teachers to enhance your course experience. Faculty can put texts on hold at the circulation desk for their students to look over while visiting the library. This applies to both physical and electronic materials. Also, the entire BCC library network is part of the SAILS network, a group of over eighty libraries around Southern Massachusetts. This allows students to request a book, which will then be available in the BCC library for their use.

The Farley Learning Resource Center is the epicenter for student research, study and relaxation. The computer labs are always available, the armchairs are comfortable and the Internet café vending machines are always well stocked. For the diligent, busy student the LRC is a haven for utilizing downtime between classes, and a great place to get some serious schoolwork done.

With a hard-working Dean in charge, and a helpful staff, the LRC is a BCC student's most valuable resource!

## eLearning Fits Students Busy Schedule

BY RYAN PEASE  
Editor-in-Chief

The eLearning program at BCC has grown by leaps and bounds over the last few years. Facilitating this growth is April Bellafiore, Dean of eLearning.

"eLearning classes are often selected because they fit with the busy home, work, and school lives of BCC students" according to Bellafiore.

"We find that many students are online late at night (9pm-midnight), early in the morning (6-8am), and on the weekends particularly on Sundays.

According to Bellafiore, these seem to be times when students have "quiet time" before work or after the kids go to bed and they are using this time for their studies.

In her experience, students and faculty are reacting very positively to the programs with over 2000 students and over 100 faculty using the eLearning system.

Bellafiore has this advice to offer to students: "eLearning isn't easier and it isn't for everyone, it takes good time management skills and the ability to set aside time regularly to complete your course work."

# DEANS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A BCC STUDENT'S LIFE

BY CHRIS WILBUR  
BCC Fall River Campus Editor  
RYAN PEASE  
Observer Photographer

The following Deans oversee a department or division on the BCC Fall River Campus.



**April Bellafiore**  
Dean of eLearning  
Humanities and Education  
2nd floor, LRC

*"eLearning isn't easier and it isn't for everyone, it takes good time management skills and the ability to set aside time regularly to complete your course work."*



*"I have homework everyday"*  
**Joanne Preston**  
Dean of Humanities  
and Education  
Division I, B Building

Dean Joanne Preston came from a family of teachers, so education was always around her. She majored in English, but said, "I was unfulfilled with writing and editing jobs... I started teaching and I loved it."

Deans serve as mediators between upper administration and faculty, if an instructor isn't able to solve a problem, you can approach a dean.

"I often thought as a faculty member, wow, jeez, that doesn't make any sense, but now sitting in-between, I do understand, there is always another side."

Her advice to students is "No matter what it is you need, you are probably going to find it here. Don't wait too long if something is difficult or doesn't make sense, the sooner we know about your problem, the sooner we can help out."

Preston frequents the theater in her free time and has homework, "as a graduate student, I have homework everyday."



**Patricia Dent**  
Dean of Health Sciences  
Division IV, C Building  
*"Never be afraid to ask a good question."*

"When I was a child, polio was not yet eradicated. Two of my best friends when I was little contracted polio, so I was exposed to the physical therapist in their homes and I knew very early on that I wanted to be a physical therapist," Dean Dent said.

However, she isn't a physical therapist.

"Then I found I enjoyed immensely the opportunity to work with students." Perhaps she might have known.

"Education for my family was a passion and was a way to a better life," she said.

Her best advice for new students is: "Never be afraid to ask a good question. Never be afraid to seek out any assistance that is here."

In her free time Dent is heavily involved with the American Cancer Society and loves animals. "I love animals of all types and often tend to adopt them," she said.



**Peter Schuyler**  
Dean of Mathematics,  
Sciences and  
Engineering  
Division V, L Building

"I never imagined I would get into teaching, but I started doing it, got good ratings, kids liked me and I liked teaching. Now I enjoy working at the administrative level because I can actually effect things and work to create projects," Dean Schuyler said.

His advice to students: "Develop a relationship with your instructor, visit during open office hours."

According to Schuyler, this will expand the learning environment and fix a face to a paper.

"A student may have a personal issue, and if the professor knows the student they might be more inclined to work around the problem."

Dean Schuyler lives on a farm, spends his spare time working on it.

*"I started teaching and enjoyed it so much, I stayed."*

**Pheobe Blackburn**  
Dean of Business  
and Information  
Management  
Division III, K Building

Coming from a background in business, Dean Pheobe Blackburn is very neat and well versed in the punctualities of business.

She makes it her mission to connect students to the outside world, to smooth transition between college and professional life.

"I never saw myself in education until I had a family, took some time off from my career and I started teaching and enjoyed it so much, I stayed," she said.

She enjoys sailing, beach going and traveling in her free time.



**Fred Rocco**  
Dean of Behavioral and  
Social Sciences  
Division II, E building

"Education has always been a part of who I am... I just like the excitement of you know, continuously learning," Dean Rocco said. Rocco traditionally worked his way up the education ladder, teaching high school, then college at the post-grad level, to eventually become a dean of BCC.

"In college, it's a tremendous period of growth and thinking where someone is incredibly open to finding out about the world, and how it works," he said.

His best advice for students: "Go to class!"

Rocco is an avid traveler in his free time traversing the world from Israel to Iceland and he speaks French.

*"Education has always been a part of who I am."*



**Sarah Morrell**  
Acting Dean Center for  
Developmental Education  
Division VI, B Building

The Center for Developmental Education, located in the B building on campus, offers pre-career preparation options to help students build a solid foundation to prepare to enter selected career programs. The course recommendations help students build academic skills and develop career competencies. Students may choose such career options as art/Web design, business management, criminal justice, engineering and health sciences. General Studies Prep Pre Career students get a head start by taking career courses early in their academic programs

**Susan Boissoneault**  
Dean of Disability Services

*"No matter what capacity I am in I am a teacher, whether with faculty, staff or students."*

Sue Boissoneault began working as a professional tutor in the BCC Quest writing lab, a lab available to assist students in basic English.

"I saw all these bright adults with difficulties with writing," Boissoneault said.

As a result, she took classes in special education, which were a free perk of the job, and has been at BCC ever since.

"No matter what capacity I am in I am a teacher, whether with faculty, staff or students," she said.

Her best advice to students: "Sign up for a college success seminar and have a good relationship with your adviser."

She Boissoneault has three grand-children now and enjoys spending her free time with them.



*"I enjoy working in administration because I can actually effect things."*



**eLearning Orientations**  
9/7 thru 9/24

**Fall River**  
Room A200 - 2nd floor of the library  
Monday - Thursday

Friday 9am-6pm  
Saturday 9am-4pm  
9am-Noon

**Attleboro**

Wednesday, September 8th 10am-6pm  
Thursday, September 9th 10am-6pm  
Monday, September 13th 10am-6pm  
Tuesday, September 14th 10am-6pm

**Virtual Orientation**

Tuesday, September 7th 4-8pm  
Thursday, September 9th 4-8pm  
Saturday, September 11th 9am-1pm



# BCC Fall River Campus

777 Elsbree Street, Fall River

## [A] Learning Resource Center

The extensive Farley LRC collection includes:

- More than 68,000 books.
- More than 400 journals and newspapers.
- 40,000-plus videotapes, DVDs, slides and CDs.
- Media equipment, including projectors, tape players and cameras for on-campus use.
- 60 reference and periodical databases.

The Rodgers Cyber Café provides refreshments and wireless Internet access in a comfortable lounge space for studying, relaxing, or meeting with work groups.

## [E] Science Building

Physics, chemistry, and biology labs, the Koppelman Greenhouse, the planetarium, and aquaculture lab are available to students here.

## [L] Mathematics and Science

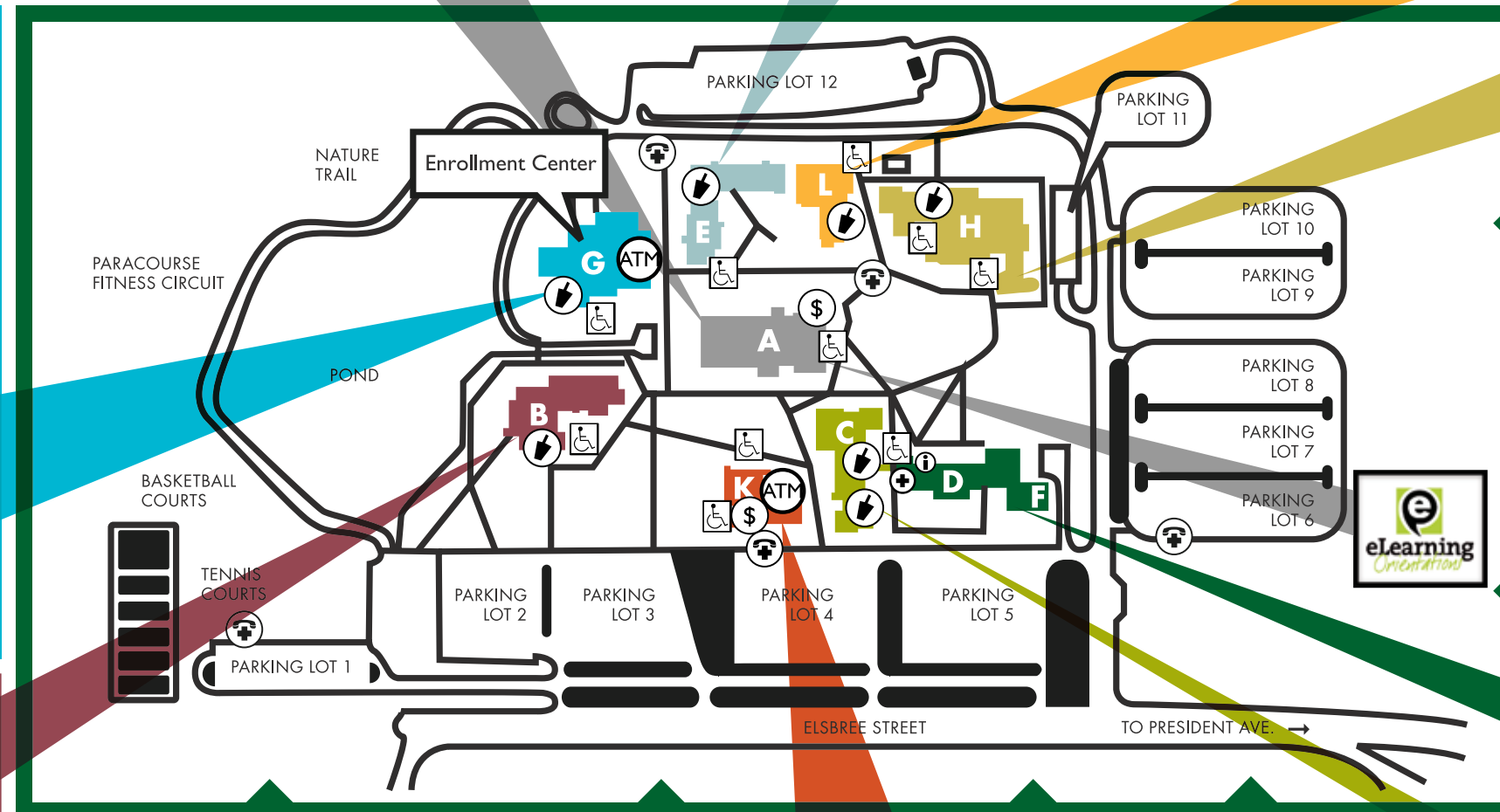
This building houses dedicated science labs, a multidisciplinary computer lab, environmental technology learning center, community services, and an interactive lecture hall.

## [H] Jackson Arts Center

With the professionally-equipped, 700-seat theater, complete with dressing rooms, a scene shop, and costume and makeup rooms, the Jackson Arts center also features art studios, a graphic design computer lab, and exhibit space. The Grimshaw-Gudewicz Art Gallery is also located here, offering public art exhibits of many types. In the College's television studio and post-production facility, students in the College's Communication program use the professional three-camera studio, digital portable cameras, and digital editing workstations. The facility is also headquarters for Greater Fall River Public Access Television, where students learn production. **Wireless Internet is available.**

## [G] Commonwealth College Center

The Lash Enrollment Center is located here, housing Admissions, Advisement, Counseling, Financial Aid, Health Services, Placement Testing, Registration, Records, and Student Accounts. Student offices, the BCC Bookstore, Fitness Center, Student Life office, cafeteria and lounge are also here. Free wireless access is also available.



### The New Bedford Campus

This Campus offers a comprehensive collection of day, evening, and weekend classes and services to support student success. The space in the former Star Store offers four classrooms, two multidisciplinary computer lab, a science lab, and a library learning commons on a Campus center conveniently located near public transportation and public parking in downtown New Bedford. In addition, the Campus has two nearby sites, the Eddy Building and the Annex, which provide an additional six classrooms and office space. Free tutoring and academic, career, and transfer counseling are available to students.

### BCC at Attleboro

This Center offers day and evening classes. Located in downtown Attleboro, the newly renovated site is handicap accessible, with ample and convenient parking space. All classrooms are SMART classrooms, with biology, chemistry, and health labs. Other campus facilities include a library, auditorium, cafeteria, bookstore, and conference room. The Center also includes faculty offices and a combined tutoring center and writing lab. Students receive full academic support services, including academic, career, and personal counseling with small classes and personal attention.

### Satellites

Evening classes are held in centers at Benjamin Friedman Middle School in Taunton and Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School.

- A Learning Resources Center
- B Engineering Building
- C Siegel Health Technologies
- D Hudnall Administration
- E Science
- G Commonwealth College Center
- H Jackson Arts Center
- K Stoico Business Technologies
- L Mathematics & Science

## [B] Engineering Building

Access computer integrated manufacturing, soil, hydraulics, and pneumatics labs, computer-aided design (CAD) stations, and a robotics lab are all based here. Academic support programs in the Center for Developmental Education are also located here, including the Tutoring and Academic Support Center (TASC) and Office of Disability Services (ODS).

- Campus Police
- Information
- ATM
- Automatic/Accessible Entrances
- Campus Emergency Phone
- ONE CARD
- Food

## [K] Robert Stoico Business Building

*Keeping pace with technology*

Free wireless access is here for your use. Find a 60-station open computer lab for student use and a computer help desk for any computer-related problem. Six networked computer labs for business, office administration, and computer information systems, including a full multimedia learning lab, are here. The BCC Writing Lab, a center staffed by faculty and peer tutors who assist students with writing assignments in any program of study, is also based here.

### K-Bldg Technology Labs:

Community Computing Center - K130, Technology Lab - K101 (2432), Accounting Lab - K102 (2038), Multimedia Lab - K104 (2885), Networking Lab - K105 (2477), General/Teaching Lab - K116 (2432), General/Teaching Lab - K118 (2671), Design Lab - K119 (2759), Multidisciplinary Training Lab - K105, Multidisciplinary Computer Lab - K205

## [C] Siegel Health Technology Building

Health Sciences programs are based here, with the BCC Child Care Center, Nursing lab, Occupational Therapy Assisting lab, Dental Hygiene clinic, a massage clinic, and College snack bar.

## [D] Hudnall Administrative Building

Campus Police  
Administrative Offices, Academic Deans,  
Presidents Office  
The Center (noncredit)  
Resource Development (Foundation  
and Alumni Association)

## [F] Facilities



## BCC's English Department's Portfolio Program Helps Bring Student's Writing Skills to a New Level

BY SARAH MULVEY  
Managing Editor

Students are encouraged to check with an advisor before signing up for a Portfolio English class. Students may also email the instructor of the course they are teaching is a Portfolio course.

Bristol Community College has always been an institution focused on student development and education, aimed at preparing students for the next step. The development of the Portfolio program by the English department is a new and effective way of bringing student's writing skills to a new level.

The program is part of courses 090 and 101, but participation is up to the decision of individual instructors. There is no indication of which professors are part of the program when students sign up online or by course number. Students are encouraged to check with an advisor before signing up for a Portfolio English class. Students may also email the instructor of any English course to find out of the course they are teaching is a Portfolio course.

The Portfolio program may sound intimidating to a student who does not consider English to be their strongest suit. However, the work you will submit for your portfolio is only those papers you will write for the course. It requires little more than the effort needed to pass any course. The papers are given letter grades when passed in to the instructor, and are handed back with personalized feedback as to how to revise the paper for the portfolio. This gives students a unique opportunity to improve on works throughout the semester while learning and developing new skills. At the end of the semester, the works are submitted to a panel of BCC faculty for critique.

The process gets confusing here. If the submitted portfolio does not pass the critique, it receives a "portfolio incomplete". This is very different from a "course incomplete" because it does not prevent a student from moving forward into the next level of courses.

However tutoring, which is freely provided, and a final revision of the portfolio must address the incomplete portfolio. It is then resubmitted to a new panel and a letter grade for the course is released upon passing. Since it's introduction the portfolio program has seen a ninety-seven percent pass rate, so student's success is usually completed within in the first semester's work.

Faculty endorsement of the program has been hot and cold. Directors and department chairs have felt that the program needs to be advertised to students better before they sign into a class. It makes the process of add/drop much more difficult after the start of the semester.

However, everyone agrees that the objective of the program is beneficial. When asked how she felt about the program's impact, Dean of Humanities Joanne Preston stated that she felt it "set standards for writing that prepares our students to write for other courses, at their future schools and in their chosen professions."

Similarly, Professor Margot Green feels that the program encourages students to ask instructors for advice and use feedback given instead of taking a letter grade and disregarding the paper afterwards. Both believe the smaller class sizes and varied audience drive students to improve and submit the best work possible.

"The English Department Portfolio Assessment Project benefits students in numerous ways, as outlined in the Project's web site," said Professor Jean-Paul Nadeau, Chair of the English Department Portfolio Assessment Project.

"First, students benefit from being in smaller classes. More importantly, they know that their writing is being held to a standard consistent with other institutions of higher education in the region," Professor Nadeau said.

"Free tutoring is provided for all students who don't pass the portfolio assessment, and these students are able to revise their portfolios for resubmission while taking the next required English course," Nadeau said.

"My own experience working with these writers one-on-one is that they are grateful for the additional instruction; they are aware that this development will have implications for the writing they'll continue to do both in and after college," he said.

## GRIMSHAW GUDEWICZ ART GALLERY

Opens season with **Painting Now**  
September 9 - October 21, 2010

**Opening reception**  
Thursday, September 9, 6-8 pm



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Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 1-4 pm  
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Admission is free and open to the public  
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## Academic Integrity at BCC

### Part of Campus Life

BY BRITTANY DEGAGNE  
BCC Alumna

Bristol Community College has an established academic integrity policy to help every student maintain a professional and honest academic life.

Students can access a copy of the college's academic integrity policy by going to the BCC website and accessing the section labeled "Current Students and then going to the policy as it appears under the Academic Resources section of the site.

The policy covers a variety of issues including cheating and using unauthorized assistance. It covers the issue stealing anyone's academic work. It also cov-

ers the issue of copying other student's work whether writing assignments or tests and quizzes.

The policy covers plagiarism: Taking someone else's work or using direct quotations or paraphrasing without giving the proper source credit.

It is important for every student to become familiar with the college's academic integrity policy.

Following this policy will help students maintain a good academic record. The policy is also available in the college's student handbook.

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# » CAMPUS ROUNDUPS «

## NEW BEDFORD CAMPUS

**"Have faith  
in yourself and  
others will have  
faith in you."**

The Bristol Community College New Bedford Campus is located in the heart of historic downtown. There is a particular air about the area that lends itself to Melville's description of the city in Moby Dick. From the art galleries, to dotted shops, to studio apartments and lofts, cobble-stone streets, café's and restaurants, there is a vibrant city life within the old whaling town.

The Campus is spread out a bit, some classes may take a student for a little stroll through the scene, maybe grab a tea along the way.

The campus was instituted in the 1990's to serve students who just couldn't make the trip to Fall River. It was a big success with attendance outgrowing the building before the second year was up.

"If you take a walked downtown, you can see downtown is growing, and that is because we have over 2000 people who frequent the shops that have popped up along with the mom and pop restaurants," Dean Romanovitch said.

She was a student at BCC and an active leader, serving on the student senate and winning the coveted President's Award.

## LOCATIONS & CONTACT

Attleboro Center  
11 Field Road, Attleboro / 508.678.2811, ext. 3527

From Routes North and South  
Take Interstate 95 to MA-123 E toward Attleboro/Norton.  
From routes South, this is exit 3, from the North, this is exit 3A. Turn left onto County Street/MA-123 E which turns into Park Street. Turn left onto Union Street (at the 3rd set of lights), which turns into Pleasant Street (MA-123 E). Turn right onto Perry Avenue (1st right



**Terri Romanovitch**  
Dean of New Bedford Campus

From the college she went on to get an advanced degree in management from Harvard.

She came back to BCC following a series of years working in work-force investment at the state level, bringing back with her the coordinating experience to connect the school with city and state initiatives.

Dean Romanovitch has grown a rich and diverse campus laudable in grant funded programs and perks for students, including organized trips throughout the historic district, free YMCA and ZOO passes, as well as discounts at local restaurants.

The recent winner of the BCC Alum of the Year award lent her advice to students, "never give up."

She enjoys the outdoors in her spare time and travel.

before Stop & Shop). Turn right onto Field Road - BCC at Attleboro is at 11 Field Road.

Taunton  
500 Norton Avenue, Taunton  
508.678.2811, ext. 3527

New Bedford Campus  
188 Union Street, New Bedford  
508.678.2811, ext. 4000

Directions  
Take Interstate 195 to New Bedford. In New Bedford, take exit 15 (Route-18 S) toward DOWNTOWN. At the second set of lights, take a right onto Union Street. Go up the hill - New Bedford Campus is on the left at 188 Union St. (on the corner of Union and Purchase Streets).

## ATTLEBORO CAMPUS

**"The campus grew so fast, we are just now catching up with the raw materials to house all the students."**

## ATTLEBORO CENTER GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

### Campus Offers Area Students a Shorter Commute

BY CHRIS WILBUR  
BCC Fall River Campus Editor

BCC's Attleboro Center is located a few minutes outside the quaint cities downtown. Like the New Bedford Campus, the Attleboro Center brings BCC to the greater Attleboro community.

Also like New Bedford, leaders such as Trustee Don Smyth and Attleboro Dean Kathy Garganta are very involved in the area's work-force development, enabling the attending visitors such as Congressman Barney Frank and Lt. Governor Tim Murray to have recently graced the halls.

The Attleboro Center opened its doors in 2004 in response to growing BCC enrollment. Six years later, attendance is bursting at well over 1000, way up from the original 284 students.

"The campus grew so fast, we are just now catching up with the raw materials to house all the students," said Dean Garganta.

According to Garganta, the growing a campus necessitates a lot of innovation, and hard work.

Garganta sits on the Attleboro's Chamber of Commerce. She is heavily involved in the community at the state level, keeping the campus connected to the community.

She is a natural speaker, and has

been giving seminars and workshops for most of her professional career.

For most community college students, life at the Attleboro Center is spent juggling classes, work and family.

Time and energy spent in commuting is often too much. The Attleboro Center shaves off an average 45 minute drive for area students, which enables students to experience community college education and experience, who otherwise may not have had the opportunity.



**Kathy Garganta**  
Dean of Attleboro Center and Taunton



# HONORS PROGRAM PROVIDES PERSONALIZED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

BY SARAH MULVEY  
Managing Editor

The BCC Honors Program is the best way to use your first two years of your bachelor's studies while attending a junior college.

Because the Commonwealth Honors Program is uniform throughout the state, a student attending BCC as an Honors Student has the same opportunities as an Honors Student at any state university and can transfer at the same level.

The Honors Program is a selective program that admits the top BCC students. To apply, a student currently enrolled needs to hold a 3.5 GPA and have at least twelve college-level credits. New students planning to enroll less

than a year out of high school should meet set qualifications including graduating within the top twenty percent of their class, and a combined SAT score of 1100.

The Honors Program is designed to enrich a student's understanding through 'personalized learning experiences.' An Honors student enrolls in a regularly offered BCC course, and works one-on-one with the instructor to design a project that the student will complete within the semester. This project must be relevant to the course and its material, but is limited only by the student's own creativity. The student receives Honors credit for a course including a personalized project.

At the end of the two-year program, students are required to complete a Culminating Honors Project to qualify for graduation. This is a separate project

designed by a faculty member for the student. It requires individual research on the part of the student and receives a single credit upon completion. It is encouraged that students present this professional project at relative conferences. The Honors Program is an amazing opportunity for BCC students to get the utmost out of their time here at the college. It is a unique opportunity to receive university Honors credits for half the cost of university tuition.

## Looking for the Observer online?

[www.BristolCC.edu/observer](http://www.BristolCC.edu/observer)

## >Welcome

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college.

Sbrega's message to anyone calling is simple: "After you have conducted your business with the college, I'd like to hear about it."

And he does hear about it from students, faculty staff and the public at large.

**'It provides the foundation for a successful career, and a successful life for each of its students.'**

Governor Deval Patrick once remarked about Sbrega, "I don't know anyone more enthusiastic to come to work on Mondays."

According to Sbrega "attitude" is the number one quality any student must have.

"Come with the right attitude, and everything will fall into place," he said.

According to Sbrega, with the many student support systems offered at BCC, which he says distinguishes BCC, the right attitude will get a student through the door. BCC like other community colleges, allows students a manageable mid-sized step to larger universities, while also providing workforce training, allowing local workers and professionals to graduate and go right back to the community.

"It provides the foundation for a successful career, and a successful life for each of its students," Sbrega said.

According to Sbrega, in the future, the college will offer, "career paths we haven't even heard of, perhaps even virtual campuses."

The words were reminiscent of one of Associate VP Mike Vieira's speeches, where he mentioned that in the ever shifting prospects of careers, where you may be applying for jobs you haven't even heard of yet, "the best thing you can do in college is learn to learn."



# TEST DRIVING THE NEW BCC DEBIT CARD

BY CHRIS WILBUR  
BCC Fall River Campus Editor

I got the hugely amazing and incredible opportunity to test-drive the new BCC ONE card.

My hugely amazing feelings of invincibility (or was it incredibility) were dimmed a little when I found out my account had .97 cents on it, not even a dollar.

And the card was white with numbers a bit rubbed off around the edges, very prototypical. My mood improved a little when I noticed the illustrious list of BCC personal test driving the thing, with titles like V.P.'s and Deans... also with .97 cents.

My first notification came in email. I clicked the underlined link site and was taken through a quite astonishingly easy set of pages, where in about 10 minutes I was done, with cash on account baby.

I piled a load of food in my arms, some bread, some cheese, a bit of meat at the local Daou market. Credit card in hand I bit my lip as the cashier slipped it through the slot. It clicked and rang. It worked! I had successfully transferred 50 cents from my student account to the machine!

In all verity, the card hits me as easy to use, I like it. It can be used around campus, you get discounts at student friendly places and it saves a lot, a lot, of paper.

Amusingly, HigherOne was quite keen on me using their "FREE OneAccount Checking Account," (everything is "one" on this site), even when I clicked the "show other options" button, so I might transfer the money to my bank account (at least a little, so I wouldn't spend the whole 0.97 cents in one place), again, the first option displayed again was "transfer to FREE OneAccount."

Not that they are scammy or spammy, but they are keen that you use that account.

I did though, and it worked out just fine.

# BOOK'EM DANO: BCC ENGINEERING STUDENTS COMPETE IN HAWAII

BY CHRIS WILBUR  
BCC Fall River Campus Editor

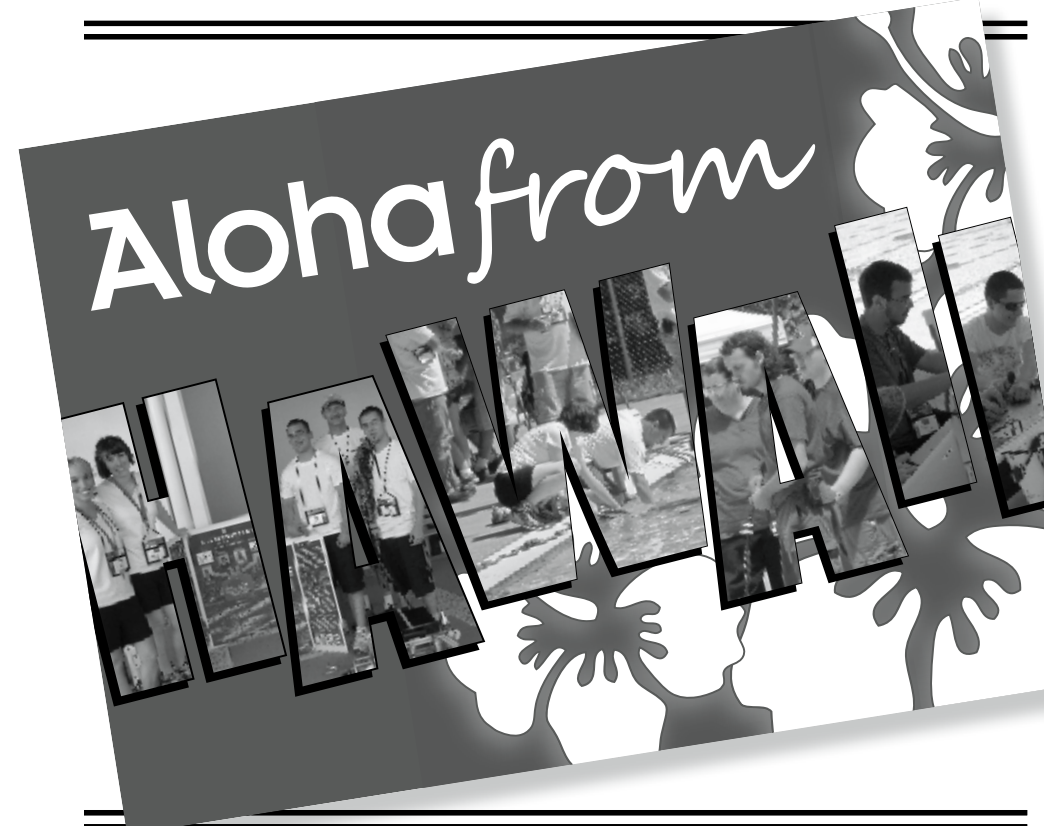
When I think of Hawaii, I think of ukuleles, coconut fruit drinks and beaches, broad beaches, a few bending palms and a sun gently setting.

Late this June, there was plenty of that for a pair of engineering teams from Bristol Community College, and there was work. The industrious students bagged 2nd place at the New England Regional for ROVs (Remotely Operated Vehicles), securing a spot at the nationals, located in the Aloha State. An explorer and a ranger team (names listed below) first did some exploring and spelunking in Hawaii's best attractions. They saw the famous and fiery Thurston

ple gathering devises. They go where none dare go and collect scientific data from the sea.

If you have ever watched Jessie James or Orange County Choppers, you know shipping mechanical devises is an engineers worst nightmare. When the ROV hit the pallet in Hawaii, it wasn't 100% functional. The team pulled an epic around the clock work-off to bring the unit up to speed. Even with the set-backs, the team pulled off 17th place in an internationally renowned company of 27, including teams from Russia, Israel and Italy.

The groups diligently raised the funds



Lava Tube and tar covered craters. They did some snorkeling and some submarine diving.

But the most important diving was done in a swimming pool, and wasn't done by them. It was done by their ROV. It looks like something out of the movie The Abyss.

A set of umbilical looking cords called a tether, link the deep sea (and space-like looking) pod to land, and its mechanical frame sets the tone of a marine adept. ROV's are often equipped with lights, a high quality camera and sometimes sam-

to pay for the trips high priced ticket. When a second team was in danger of falling behind in the funds, they appealed to the student senate, a group of elected student officials who make themselves available to students for activities in need of funding.

**The Explorer team** - Kate Buck, Helder Lobo, Josh Normandin, and Karen Parker

**The Ranger team** - Alex Furtado, Derek Lagasse, Matheus Lelis, Lauri Lynn, Peter, Mack, Nick Powell, and Ben Whittaker



**BCC Libraries (see ad pg 2)**  
Fall River  
Mon-Thurs 8am-9pm  
Friday 8am-6pm  
Saturday 9am-6pm  
Sunday 11am-6pm

## 2010-11 Library Holiday Closings

September 6, 2010 - Labor Day  
October 11, 2010 - Columbus Day  
November 11, 2010 - Veterans Day  
November 24, 2010 - Thanksgiving Eve - Close at 7pm  
November 25-26, 2010 - Thanksgiving  
December 24, 2010 - Christmas Eve  
December 25, 2010 - Christmas Holiday  
January 1, 2011 - New Years Day  
January 17, 2011 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
February 21, 2011 - Presidents Day  
April 23, 2011 - Open  
April 24, 2011 - Easter Sunday  
April 18, 2011 - Patriots Day  
May 30, 2011 - Memorial Day  
July 4, 2011 - Independence Day

## Computer Labs

Fall River  
Community Computing Center - K130  
Learning Resource Center - A - first floor  
K-Bldg Technology Labs:  
Technology Lab - K101 (2432)  
Accounting Lab - K102 (2038)  
Multimedia Lab - K104 (2885)  
Networking Lab - K105 (2477)  
General/Teaching Lab - K116 (2432)  
General/Teaching Lab - K118 (2671)  
Design Lab - K119 (2759)  
Health Careers - E106 (3111)  
Multidisciplinary Training Lab - K105  
Multidisciplinary Computer Lab - K205  
CAD Lab - L220 (2620)

## Writing Center

Location: B117  
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Call for Fall hours

## TASC

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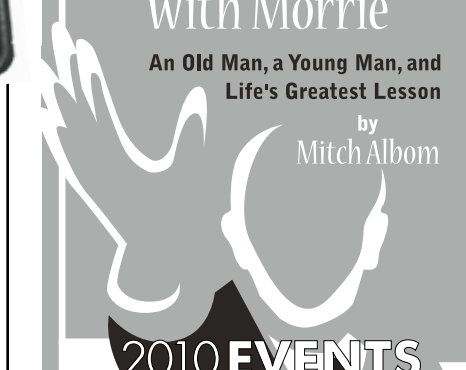
Attleboro and New Bedford please call for hours. (see pg 9 for more information)

FALL 2010

Tuesdays with Morrie

An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson

by Mitch Albom



## 2010 EVENTS

### CHECK

[www.BristolCC.edu/onebook](http://www.BristolCC.edu/onebook) for details

### SEPTEMBER

**Book Display, Farley Learning Resources Center**  
September 7th-December 17th  
**Living with ALS, guest speaker**  
September 29th, 2 pm, C-111  
**Faculty Brown Bag Lunch**  
**Student Art and Essay Contests**  
September 7th-November 29th

### OCTOBER

**Keith Carreiro, Exploring the Links between Intelligence, Inquiry, and Imagination**  
October 20th, 2 pm, C-111  
**Tuesdays with Morrie Film Screening**  
Fall River Campus, TBA  
New Bedford Campus, TBA  
Attleboro Center,  
October 28th at 9:30 am and 12:30 pm, auditorium

### NOVEMBER

Guest speaker

### DECEMBER

**Final Event, Bresler's Klezmer & Hassidic Ensemble Contest Winners Announced, Meet the Performers, Refreshments**  
December 8th, 2 pm,  
Jackson Arts Center Theater



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# Good Sports AT BCC

## BCC SPORTS ARE A SLAM-DUNK FOR EVERY STUDENT

**BY SARAH MULVEY**  
Managing Editor

Community colleges offer a unique opportunity to student athletes to play at a college level in Division III. Playing with other junior college teams, students gain notoriety with other college coaches and increase their chances for acceptance into their future school's programs. Here at BCC, students are given the opportunity to

play college level basketball and soccer.

BCC's basketball team gained notoriety for a flawless 2009-2010 season. Coach Rob Delaleu lead a band of BCC students through a 17-5 overall season, a superb achievement over their premiere season of 8-14. At the end of that first season, everyone was discouraged but determined to pull the Bristol Bees to the forefront of their Division III rivals.

Last years team captain, Frank Stephenson, has since moved on to a four-year institution but has continued to support the team as a coach. Chris Andrade, Sonny Mello, and Bryan Carbajal are also debuting this season as part of the new starting lineup.

The basketball program has a stringent grade policy, which requires it's students to maintain their course grades in order to participate. Coach Delaleu helps his students organize their time between the two by encouraging team members to study together.

The sports programs here at BCC are coming together, trying to build from

the ground up. With the success of the basketball program, BCC has extended it's soccer program for another season. The teams are part of Region 21 of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). David Allen coaches the men's team. The women's team is lead by Alisha Souza.

With another promising round of players, the Bristol Bees look to have another amazing season.



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**Interested students are  
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